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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of April 17, 2006, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks and the attached amendments<sup>1)</sup> be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 8 and 10 to 22 as set forth in Appendix I of this paper are now pending in this case. Claim 1 has been amended, and Claims 16 to 22 have been added, as indicated in the listing of the claims.

Accordingly, applicants have further revised the wording of Claim 1 to better express that the optional gas distributor plate in the region of transition of the reactor is, where present, the only gas distributor plate in said region of the reactor.<sup>2)</sup> Additionally, applicants have added new Claims 16 to 22. The new claims essentially correspond to Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 8 and 10 and serve to further bring out the embodiment of applicants' reactor wherein the reactor chamber consists essentially of a region of transition, a reaction zone and a calming zone. No new matter has been added.

1) Cf. the Claim Amendments set forth in Appendix I on pages 8 to 11 of this paper.

2) Cf. e.g. page 1, indicated lines 9 to 12, of the application.

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